'WILL' based Mobile Telephone Services

*128. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are reconsidering the proposal of controversial Wireless in Local Loop (WILL) based mobile telephone services;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) With the amendment of Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) Act in 2000, it has now become mandatory to seek the recommendations of TRAI in respect of matters specified in sub-clause (i) & (ii) of Clause (a) of Sub-section (1) of Section 11 of TRAI Act. The recommendations of TRAI in such cases follow a transparent and extensive consultation process. In this case also, a detailed consultation paper was circulated and Open House discussions were held in the four metros. It has been the practice in such cases to accept most of the recommendations, particularly those, which are perceived to be in the interest of consumers. The Government has accepted the recommendations of TRAI in this regard.

The matter was referred to Group on Telecom and Information Technology Convergence (GOT-IT) for review in April, 2001. The report of the group, which *inter-alia*, states that it is not necessary to reopen the isue of enabling limited mobility technology to Fixed Service Providers, has been accepted.

Frauds in Banks

*130. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether with the expansion of economic liberalization and banking sector, number of frauds and fraudulent activities in public sector banks has increased considerably;